

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against claim(s) 9-13, but reversed all rejections against claims 14 and 15, dependent on independent claim 9. In accordance with MPEP § 1214.06, **claims 9-13 have been cancelled, and claim 14 has been amended into independent form as follows:**

A method for manufacturing a bipolar transistor, the method comprising the steps of:
forming a base layer on an insulator, said base layer being in contact with a portion of a semiconductor substrate;
forming an insulating film on said base layer;
forming base and emitter electrode lead openings within said insulating film, said base electrode lead opening being formed simultaneous with said emitter electrode lead opening;
depositing a conducting film into said base electrode lead opening and into said emitter electrode lead opening, said conducting film within said base electrode lead opening being a base electrode lead portion and said conducting film within said emitter electrode lead opening being an emitter electrode lead portion; thereafter

polishing said conducting film to separate said base electrode lead portion from said emitter electrode lead portion; and

depositing a silicide onto a polished surface of said conducting film.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 14 and 15 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to W. Wendy Kuo whose telephone number is (571)270-1859. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sue A. Purvis can be reached on (571) 272-1236. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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